



## Member Motion

### City Council

#### Motion without Notice

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#### **Appointment of Administrator for the Purposes of the Ontario Works Act, 1997 - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor David Shiner**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

*\* This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor David Shiner, recommends that:

1. City Council appoint Patricia Walcott for the purposed of the Ontario Works Act, 1997, (the "Act") effective August 26, 2013.
2. City Council request approval from the Director of Ontario Works, Ministry of Community and Social Services, for such appointment, as required under Section 43 of the Act.

#### **Summary**

Patricia Walcott is the successful candidate in the recent competition for the position of General Manager, Toronto Employment and Social Services. In that position, Patricia Walcott will oversee the administration of the Ontario Works Act, 1997 (the "Act") and provision of assistance under the Act and carry out the duties of an administrator as set out in the Act.

The Act, which deals with the provision of social assistance in the Province, came into force in 1998 and replaced previously existing legislation dealing with the subject matter, namely the General Welfare Assistance Act. Ontario Regulation 136/98, enacted under the Act, designated the City of Toronto as delivery agent for the purposes of the Act for the geographical area of the City of Toronto.

Section 43 of the Act provides as follows: Each delivery agent shall, with the approval, of the Director (of Ontario Works, Ministry of Community and Social Services), appoint an administrator to oversee the administration of this Act and the provision of assistance in the delivery agent's geographic area.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 43 of the Ontario Works Act, 1997, it is recommended that City Council appoint Patricia Walcott, General Manager, Toronto

Employment and Social Services, the administrator under Section 43 of the Ontario Works Act, 1997, and seek the approval of the Director of Ontario Works, Ministry of Community Services for such appointment.

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**Background Information (City Council)**

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